STATEMENT OF BASIS

as required by LAC 33:IX.3109 for LPDES facilities where a fact sheet is not required under LAC 33:IX.3311, for draft **Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. LA0123111; AI 147231; PER20070001** to discharge to waters of the **State of Louisiana** as per LAC 33:IX.2311.

The **permitting authority** for the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) is:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Services
P. O. Box 4313
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

I. **THE APPLICANT IS:** Mo-Dad Utilities
Bridalwood and Stone Ridge Crossing Subdivisions Wastewater Treatment Plant
P.O. Box 790
Denham Springs, LA 70727

II. **PREPARED BY:** Angela Marse

DATE PREPARED: October 25, 2007

III. **PERMIT ACTION:** LPDES permit LA0123111, AI 147231; PER20070001

LPDES application received: July 27, 2007

NPDES permit issued: none issued

IV. **FACILITY INFORMATION:**

A. The application is for the discharge of treated sanitary wastewater from a privately owned treatment works serving the Bridalwood and Stone Ridge Crossing Subdivisions.

B. The permit application does not indicate the receipt of industrial wastewater.

C. The facility is located on the east side of La. Hwy. 447, approximately 3.9 miles south of I-12 in Walker, Livingston Parish.

D. The treatment facility consists of an extended aeration mechanical plant. Disinfection is by chlorination.

E. Outfall 001

Discharge Location: Latitude 30° 24' 59" North
Longitude 90° 51' 10" West

Description: treated sanitary wastewater

Expected flow: 0.035 MGD

Please note that if the facility grows to a discharge beyond the design capacity of the facility, additional sewage treatment may be required with prior approval of the facility's plan by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and notification must be submitted to the LDEQ. Also, if the expected flow reaches or exceeds the design capacity of the facility, a permit modification may be required.

Type of Flow Measurement which the facility is currently using: template setting

V. RECEIVING WATERS:

The discharge is into an unnamed ditch, thence into a detention pond, thence into West Colyell Creek in segment 040305 of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin. This segment is listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 040305 of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin are as indicated in the table below[1/]:

Overall Degree of Support for Segment 040305	**Degree of Support of Each Use**						
Not Supported	Primary Contact Recreation	Secondary Contact Recreation	Propagation of Fish & Wildlife	Outstanding Natural Resource Water	Drinking Water Supply	Shell fish Propagation	Agriculture
	Not Supported	Full	Not Supported	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

[1/]The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 040305 of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin are as indicated in LAC 33:IX.1123.C.3, Table (3) and the 2004 Water Quality Management Plan, Water Quality Inventory Integrated Report, Appendix A, respectively.

Section 303 (d) of the Clean Water Act as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, and EPA's regulations at 40 CFR 130 require that each state identify those waters within its boundaries not meeting water quality standards. The Clean Water Act further requires states to implement plans to address impairments. LDEQ is developing Total Maximum Daily Loadings Studies (TMDLs) to address impaired waterbodies. Segment 040305 of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin is on the 2004 Integrated 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies. The suspected causes of impairment are mercury, nutrients (nitrate/nitrite), dissolved oxygen, pathogen indicators, and phosphorus. To date no TMDLs have been completed for this waterbody.

Suspected causes of concern are addressed in a manner consistent with the Department's permitting guidance for implementing Louisiana's surface water quality standards as follows:

Dissolved oxygen

Biological oxygen demand (or BOD) is the amount of oxygen required by bacteria to oxidize biological degradable material (normally organic matter) found in wastewater, effluents, and polluted waters. The test measures the amount of oxygen consumed by a sample by naturally occurring bacteria over a five-day period. Therefore, to protect against potential discharges resulting in DO levels below that of state water quality standards for the receiving waterbody, $CBOD_5$ limits have been placed in the permit. Monitoring for $CBOD_5$ is the best indicator by which to measure the potential discharge of oxygen consuming pollutants at levels that will result in dissolved oxygen below that of state water quality standards. (Because ammonia nitrogen limits have also been placed in the permit, $CBOD_5$ has been substituted for BOD_5. This inhibits biological activity associated with nitrogen and prevents overestimate of oxygen demand.) In addition to monitoring for $CBOD_5$, dissolved oxygen is also limited in the permit. This is an instantaneous minimum to ensure the discharge will not create or contribute to oxygen levels below State standards in the receiving waterbody.

Ammonia and nutrients

Nitrate/nitrite and phosphorus are considered nutrients. Nutrients consume dissolved oxygen in the receiving stream making it less available for aquatic life. This Office utilizes ammonia nitrogen as an indicator by which to monitor for the potential presence of nutrients remaining in a waste stream after the treatment process. To protect against the discharge of nutrients into the receiving waterbody at levels which exceed state water quality standards, ammonia nitrogen limits have been placed in the permit.

Pathogen Indicators

Monitoring for fecal coliform is the best indicator for the potential presence of pathogenic organisms in wastewater. To protect against potential receiving water impairments due to pathogens, fecal coliform limits have been established in the permit.

Mercury

The source of mercury has been identified as atmospheric deposition. Since the discharge is not directly into the mercury impaired waterbody, no limit or mercury prevention program plan has been included in the draft permit. Should the TMDL for mercury determine a mercury effluent limitation is necessary; a reopener clause has been included in the draft permit.

VI. ENDANGERED SPECIES:

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 040305 of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin, is not listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). This strategy was submitted with a letter dated September 29, 2006 from Watson (FWS) to Gautreaux (LDEQ). Therefore, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the LDEQ and FWS, no further informal (Section 7, Endangered Species Act) consultation is required. It was determined that the issuance of the LPDES permit is not likely to have an adverse effect on any endangered or candidate species or the critical habitat. The effluent limitations established in the permit ensure protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as aquatic habitat.

VII. HISTORIC SITES:

The discharge is from a new facility. In accordance with the 'Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Places in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits', consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is required. The response dated August 22, 2007 indicated no known archaeological sites or historic properties will be affected by the facility.

VIII. PUBLIC NOTICE:

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the statement of basis. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

Public notice published in:

Local newspaper of general circulation
Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List

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IX. PROPOSED PERMIT LIMITS:

Final Effluent Limits:

OUTFALL 001

The facility is located in Livingston Parish and drains to the West Colyell Creek System. This area is experiencing unprecedented growth. The effluent will travel to an unnamed ditch, thence into a retention pond in the Subdvision before entering West Colyell Creek which has been identified as impaired and is listed on the 303(d) List. Based on facility size, the facility would qualify for a general sanitary permit. However, the Office of Environmental Services does not feel the general permit is protective of the impaired subsegment given existing dischargers in the area and the size of the retention pond (1.2 acres) may not be sufficient to retain wastewater for 60-90 days. According to LDEQ's Pre-TMDL Permittting Strategy (December, 2003), this Office will issue permits that maintain water quality of impaired streams and include a reopener clause in the permit to allow for more stringent limits if necessary. Maintaining water quality at existing levels means there will not be any additional significant contribution of pollutants to the waterbody. Thus, new or expanding discharges must have appropriate effluent limitations that prevent any additional impact on the impaired stream. In most cases, facility discharges are evaluated using an appropriate water quality simulation model. Alternatively, the facility can be permitted using stringent end-of-pipe water quality based effluent limitations. End-of-pipe water quality based effluent limitations that will have little or no impact on the receiving waterbody are 5mg/l $CBOD_5$, 5 mg/l TSS, 2mg/l ammonia-nitrogen, and 5 mg/l dissolved oxygen. These limits are proposed in the permit.

Final limits shall become effective on the effective date of the permit and expire on the expiration date of the permit.

Effluent Characteristic	Monthly Avg. (lbs./day)	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.	Basis
BOD_5	N/A	5 mg/l	10 mg/l	LDEQ's Pre-TMDL Permitting Strategy and water quality impairments of the receiving stream. (December, 2003)
TSS	N/A	5 mg/l	10 mg/l	LDEQ's Pre-TMDL Permitting Strategy and water quality impairments of the receiving stream. (December, 2003)
Ammonia-Nitrogen	N/A	2 mg/l	4 mg/l	LDEQ's Pre-TMDL Permitting Strategy and water quality impairments of the receiving stream. (December, 2003)
Dissolved Oxygen	N/A	5 mg/l	N/A	LDEQ's Pre-TMDL Permitting Strategy and water quality impairments of the receiving stream. (December, 2003)

*Concentration limits are used in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2709.F.1.b which states that mass limitations are not necessary when applicable standards and limitations are expressed in other units of measurement. LAC 33:IX.709.B references LAC 33:IX.711 which express BOD_5 and TSS in terms of concentration.

**This Dissolved Oxygen limit is the lowest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month. When monitoring is conducted, the Dissolved Oxygen shall be analyzed immediately, as per 40 CFR 136.3.

Other Effluent Limitations:

1) Fecal Coliform

The discharge from this facility is into a water body which has a designated use of Primary Contact Recreation. According to LAC 33:IX.1113.C.5.b.i, the fecal coliform standards for this water body are 200/100 ml and 400/100 ml. Therefore, the limits of 200/100 ml (Monthly Average) and 400/100 ml (Weekly Average) are proposed as Fecal Coliform limits in the permit. These limits are being proposed through Best Professional Judgement in order to ensure that the water body standards are not exceeded, and due to the fact that existing facilities have demonstrated an ability to comply with these limitations using present available technology.

2) pH

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units at any time. (Limits as established through BPJ considering BCT for similar waste streams in accordance with LAC 33:IX.5905.C.)

3) Solids and Foam

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1113.B.7.

X. PREVIOUS PERMITS:

LPDES Permit No. LA0123111: Issued: none issued

XI. ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS:

A) Inspections

The facility is a new facility. No inspections have been performed for this facility to date.

B) Compliance and/or Administrative Orders

No enforcement actions have been administered against this facility.

C) DMR Review

This is a new facility. No DMRs have been submitted to date.

XII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PERMIT REOPENER CLAUSE

In accordance with LAC 33:IX.2361.C.3, this permit may be modified, or alternatively, revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitations issued or approved under sections 301(b)(2)(c) and (D); 304(b)(2); and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard or limitations so issued or approved:

a) Contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or

b) Controls any pollutant not limited in the permit; or

c) Requires reassessment due to change in 303(d) status of waterbody; or

d) Incorporates the results of any total maximum daily load allocation, which may be approved for the receiving water body. The LDEQ will be conducting TMDLs in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Segment 040305. The Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to impose more stringent discharge limitations and/or additional restrictions as a result of the TMDL. Therefore, prior to upgrading or expanding this facility, the permittee should contact the Department to determine the status of the work being done to establish future effluent limitations and additional permit conditions.

Final effluent loadings (i.e. lbs/day) to determine fee ratings have been established based upon the permit limit concentrations and the design capacity of 0.025 MGD.

Effluent loadings are calculated using the following example:

BOD: 8.34 lb/gal x 0.025 MGD x 5 mg/l = 1lb/day

At present, the **Monitoring Requirements, Sample Types, and Frequency of Sampling** as shown in the permit are standard for facilities of flows between **0.02** and **0.1** MGD.

XIII TENTATIVE DETERMINATION:

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to issue a permit for the discharge described in this Statement of Basis.

XIV REFERENCES:

Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process, Vol. 8, "Wasteload Allocations / Total Maximum Daily Loads and Effluent Limitations Policy," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2005.

Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process, Vol. 5, "Water Quality Inventory Section 305(b) Report," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 1998.

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33 - Environmental Quality, Part IX - Water Quality Regulations, Chapter 11 - "Louisiana Surface Water Quality Standards," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2004.

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33 - Environmental Quality, Part IX - Water Quality Regulations, Subpart 2 - "The LPDES Program," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2004.

Low-Flow Characteristics of Louisiana Streams, Water Resources Technical Report No. 22, United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, 1980.

Index to Surface Water Data in Louisiana, Water Resources Basic Records Report No. 17, United States Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, 1989.

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